

**Wisconsin's Green Fire:
Voices for Conservation**

Mission

Wisconsin's Green Fire supports the conservation legacy of Wisconsin by promoting science-based management of Wisconsin's natural resources.

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**Wisconsin's Green Fire in 2018—
Message from the President**

By Terry Daulton

This year, in keeping with our mission, Wisconsin's Green Fire (WGF) developed a definition of *science in advocacy* to guide the actions of our organization's board, committees, and work groups:

Using science and professional experience in decision-making while maintaining trust and credibility as a science-based organization.

We highlight only a few of our achievements in 2018 in these two pages. It is because of the contributions of time, experience, and funding from members, donors, board members, officers, and volunteers of all stripes that WGF has accomplished what it has. Thank you so much!



Photo courtesy: Terry Daulton



Jeff Wilson

Administration & Development

Board members discuss future operations of WGF one year after founding during the May monthly board meeting. ◀

Also, in 2018, WGF was able to complete important tasks—e.g., by-laws, 501(c)3 status, articles of incorporation. The Development Committee drafted a 3-year plan for building financial stability of WGF.



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Membership

Members who attended the September annual meeting in Ashland (~100) pose for a photo. ◀

Also, WGF purchased several softwares to manage the 400+ member donations, communications, and finances.

Communications

On Earth Day, 2018, John Lyons, co-chair of the Fisheries Work Group, represents WGF in an interview on "Upfront with Mike Gousha" on WISN 12 News. ▶

Also, WGF members shared their natural resources expertise through 20 media interviews in 2018. In addition, WGF published four *NewsLetters* and posted work products and blogs on the WGF website and created a social media presence with Facebook.



Jeff Richter



Review, Analysis, & Comment

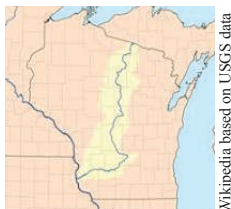
The Public Trust and Wetlands Work Group commented and testified on the nonfederal and artificial wetlands legislation and commented on the implementation procedures. ◀

The Environmental Rules and Water Resources (combined) Work Group commented on several draft DNR documents relating to water quality, including the Draft Total Maximum Daily Loads for Total Phosphorus in the Wisconsin River Basin. ▶

Also, the Air Quality Work Group analyzed a proposed air quality bill that would have removed important protections. The Fisheries Work Group provided comments to the DNR on the Proposed Program Guidance for the Angler Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation Program.



Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey



Testimony

Tom Hauge, chair of the Wildlife Work Group, provides science testimony on behalf of WGF to the Joint Committee on the Review of Administrative Rules related to Chronic Wasting Disease. ◀

Also, members provided other testimony on behalf of WGF, such as on SB 816 (Meteor Timber Wetland), and to the NR Board on the Ruffed Grouse Season. Providing science testimony to the Wisconsin legislature or the Natural Resources Board is a vital part of what WGF work groups accomplished in 2018.

Education & Outreach

Board member Tom Jerow co-leads a field trip on wetlands in northern Wisconsin on behalf of WGF. ▶

Also, the Environmental Education Work Group conducted a survey of a sample of WGF members about WGF's role in education and is working to set up a speakers bureau.



Photo courtesy Ron Eckstein

Planning, Coordination, & Participation

To ensure WGF has the most current and projected information about climate change and its impacts on natural resources in Wisconsin, the Climate Change Work Group began networking with researchers and the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI). ▶

Also, the Fisheries Work Group is working with anglers to review and comment on the DNR's Draft 10-Year Inland Trout Management Plan. The Forestry Work Group co-chair participates in DNR's Silviculture Guidance and Forestry Management Review.

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Work Groups



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In 2018, work groups enlisted chairs, co-chairs, and members. They set issue priorities, drafted foundation documents, commented on draft Wisconsin DNR documents, analyzed proposed legislation, provided testimony on bills, and participated in meetings and collaborative planning related to Wisconsin's natural resources.

The 10 work groups are:

- Air Quality
- Climate Change
- Conservation Funding*
- Environmental Education
- Environmental Rules
- Fisheries
- Forestry
- Public Lands*
- Public Trust and Wetlands
- Water Resources

* seeking co-chairs for these work groups



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